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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Darling

INVENTION : Boat Hook Attachment

SERIAL NUMBER : 10/607,160

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EXAMINER : Avila

GROUP ART UNIT : 3617

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF May 14, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004 having a
shortened statutory period for response set to expire Aug 16, 2004,
kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new
matter is added:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.